## **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

# Application Ranking Summary NA-Cache Rich AFO/CAFO

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:	
Ranking Tool: NA-Cache Rich AFO/CAFO		Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:		Address:	
Planner:		Telephone:	
Farm Location:			

## **National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses	
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.		
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes O or No O	
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)		
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes O or No O	
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes O or No O	
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes O or No O	
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes O or No O	
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes O or No O	
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)		
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes O or No O	
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes O or No O	
3. c.Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O	
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes O or No O	
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)		
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O	
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes O or No O	
4. c.Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes O or No O	
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O	
Soil Health:- Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)		
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O	
5. b.Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes O or No O	
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)		
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes O or No O	
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes O or No O	

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?		
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes O or No O	
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes O or No O	
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)		
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes O or No O	
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes O or No O	
Energy Conservation—Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)		
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes O or No O	
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes O or No O	
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the "EQIP Plan of Operations" result in:		
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes O or No O	

### **State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section?	Yes O or No O
2. Wildlife – Will the practices installed facilitate improvement in the habitat for sensitive, threatened, or endangered species?	Yes O or No O
3. Weeds - Will the practices installed control all invasive species present on the offered acres?	Yes O or No O
4. Water Quality – Will practices be installed to improve the identified TMDL impairment adjacent to and/or located less than 1320 feet from a TMDL identified water body?	Yes O or No O
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6. Pollinator Habitat – Will this application include development of food, cover, and/or nest sites for native pollinators in accordance with Utah Technical Guide Notice UT238?	Yes O or No O

## **Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses	
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other Local level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.		
Impaired Water Quality (Answer YES to only one of the following 2-4.)		
2. Will practices be installed to improve water quality adjacent to and/or located less than 1320 feet from a nutrient impaired water body?	Yes O or No O	
3. Will practices be installed to improve water quality between 1321 and 2640 feet from a nutrient impaired water body?	Yes O or No O	
4. Will practices be installed to improve water quality between 2641 and 5280 feet from a nutrient impaired water body?	Yes O or No O	
5. Will livestock be fenced away from and/or will watering facilities be located away from any water body to lessen impacts of high manure concentration?	Yes O or No O	
6. Does this operation have the potential for a 25-year, 24-hour storm event discharge?	Yes O or No O	
7. Will runoff that previously left the property and entered a water body (drainages, ditches, sloughs, channels, etc.) be kept on the property OR will practices be installed to prevent direct discharge?	Yes O or No O	
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (Answer YES to only one of the following 8-9.)		
8. Is this the applicants first CNMP?	Yes O or No O	
9. Is the applicant following a current CNMP?	Yes O or No O	

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10. Will the applicant implement basic nutrient management (590) in the contract (taking soil and manure tests) and apply nutrients not to exceed recommendations?	Yes O or No O
Animal Waste Problems (Answer YES to only one of the following 11-12)	
11. Is the applicant solving animal waste problems on their entire operation?	Yes O or No O
12. Is the applicant solving animal waste problems on only a portion of their operation?	Yes O or No O
Riparian Buffer Zone (Will a riparian buffer be installed - Answer Yes to only one of the following 13-14.)	
13. Will the planned riparian buffer be 33 feet or less?	Yes O or No O
14. Will the planned riparian buffer be greater than 33 feet?	Yes O or No O
UAFFRI (Answer Yes to one of the following 15-17)	
15. Has this operation been assessed as having a High UAFRRI index?	Yes O or No O
16. Has this operation been assessed as having a Medium UAFRRI index?	Yes O or No O
17. Has this operation been assessed as having a Low UAFRRI index?	Yes O or No O
UAFFRI (Answer Yes to only one of the following 18-22.)	
18. Will the UAFRRI index for this operation change from High to Very Low?	Yes O or No O
19. Will the UAFRRI index for this operation change from High to Low?	Yes O or No O
20. Will the UAFRRI index for this operation change from Medium to Very Low?	Yes O or No O
21. Will the UAFRRI index for this operation change from Medium to Low?	Yes O or No O
22. Will the UAFRRI index for this operation change from Low to Very Low?	Yes O or No O
Cost Effectiveness (Answer Yes to only one of the following 23-32.)	
23. Is the cost of this project between \$0 and \$400 per animal unit?	Yes O or No O
24. Is the cost of this project between \$401 and \$500 per animal unit?	Yes O or No O
25. Is the cost of this project between \$501 and \$600 per animal unit?	Yes O or No O
26. Is the cost of this project between \$601 and \$700 per animal unit?	Yes O or No O
27. Is the cost of this project between \$701 and \$800 per animal unit?	Yes O or No O
28. Is the cost of this project between \$801 and \$900 per animal unit?	Yes O or No O
29. Is the cost of this project between \$901 and \$1000 per animal unit?	Yes O or No O
30. Is the cost of this project between \$1001 and \$1100 per animal unit?	Yes O or No O
31. Is the cost of this project between \$1101 and \$1500 per animal unit?	Yes O or No O
32. Is the cost greater then \$1501 per animal unit?	Yes O or No O
Contract Compliance (if applicable)	
33. Has the applicant had a Farm Bill Contract terminated for non-compliance?	Yes O or No O
34. Does the applicant have an active Farm Bill contract that is currently not on schedule, in non-compliance or practices in arrears?	Yes O or No O

## Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices		
Ranking Score			
Efficiency:			
Local Issues:			
State Issues:			
National Issues:			
Final Ranking Score:			

This ranking report is for your information. It	t does not in any way guarantee f	funding. When funding becom	es available, you will b	e notified if your application is
selected for funding. Some changes to the app	plication may be required before	a final contract is awarded.		

#### Notes:

	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: